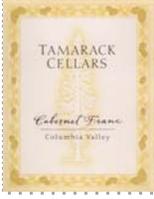
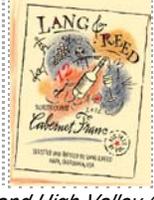


## Cabernet Franc

Very enjoyable tasting. Wines had more overall similarities than differences and were all in sound condition and of good-to-excellent quality. The Chappellet was exceptional and displayed both quality and age. Both wines from Chinon were excellent values.

SERVING ORDER	IDENTITY	PAID   ALC	APPEARANCE	AROMA	FLAVORS	*RANK / OF POINTS	
						Best	Worst
F	<b>Chappellet</b> Pritchard Hill CABERNET FRANC 2002 <i>CA</i> \$100.00 15.0%		clear  aged garnet with a brick edge	rich bouquet with quite a bit of toasty oak dominating and a suggestion of mustiness  (this wine was decanted)	very rich, mouth-filling and complex flavors, good-to-excellent balance; bone dry tannins and quite enjoyable although it cried out for food	1 / 6	20
<b>PROD NOTES:</b> (note image is for 2004 vintage) <b>Web Site:</b> <a href="http://www.chappellet.com">http://www.chappellet.com</a>							
A	<b>Lang &amp; Reed</b> "214" Napa Valley CABERNET FRANC 2011 <i>CA</i> \$48.00 14.5%		Clear  Youthful Magenta	plums, fennel, forest floor  complex and interesting	nice entry, full-to-rich body; good-to-excellent balance with smooth tannins; while drinkable, it seems youthful	2 / 6	24
<b>PROD NOTES:</b> made entirely from the 214 clone of cabernet franc <b>Web Site:</b> <a href="http://www.langandreed.com/langandreed_214.html">http://www.langandreed.com/langandreed_214.html</a>							
D	<b>Tamarack Cellars</b> Wahluke Slope CABERNET FRANC 2011 <i>WA</i> \$32.00 14.2%		clear  youthful magenta	smoky oak and vanilla over ripe fruit; seemed quite sturdy but developed a hint of mustiness as it sat	initially sweet, but quite full with big, ripe flavors and lots of oak; awkward, although probably perfect with a char-grilled steak, it is somewhat difficult to gauge where this wine might be heading	3 / 6	32
<b>PROD NOTES:</b> cold soaked, inoculated, pressed to barrels (all French, 20% new) <b>Web Site:</b> <a href="https://tamarackcellars.com">https://tamarackcellars.com</a>							
E	<b>Lang &amp; Reed</b> North Coast CABERNET FRANC 2012 <i>CA</i> \$27.00 14.1%		clear  youthful dark violet-magenta	vinous, slight plum	quite ripe flavors are full, slightly rich and fairly tannic, bordering on harsh, but well-balanced and obviously youthful	4 / 6	35
<b>PROD NOTES:</b> almost equal parts of Alexander Valley and High Valley (Lake Co) fruit with dollops from Suisun and Napa <b>Web Site:</b> <a href="http://www.langandreed.com/langandreed_northcoast">http://www.langandreed.com/langandreed_northcoast</a>							
C	<b>La Varenne</b> Chinon (100% CABERNET FRANC) 2012 <i>FR</i> \$19.00 13.0%		clear  youthful magenta	subtle, subdued, reticent; pleasant, slightly green smells (seaweed? forest floor?)	elegant style, quite drinkable; excellent balance, with supple, smooth tannins (might easily be overlooked/under-appreciated in this particular company of wines)	5 / 6	36
<b>PROD NOTES:</b> 20-35 year-old vines; wine aged entirely in stainless steel <b>Web Site:</b> none							
B	<b>Jourdan &amp; Pichard</b> Découverte Chinon (100% CABERNET FRANC) 2011 <i>FR</i> \$18.00 12.5%		clear  youthful magenta	cocoa powder  (chemical - band aid?)  fairly complex, seemed to change and develop in the glass more than most	although not overly powerful or unbalanced, this one seems somewhat tight, tart, and hard and might possibly improve with some cellar time (6-10 years?)	6 / 6	42
<b>PROD NOTES:</b> (note image is for 2010 vintage - 2011 label has a somewhat different design) <b>Web Site:</b> <a href="http://jourdanpichard.blogspot.com">http://jourdanpichard.blogspot.com</a>							

Unless noted, all wines are tasted blind and silent, ranked prior to discussion, and before revealing the wine identities. In the flight above, 9 panellists tasted 6 wines, so the best possible score was 9 and the worst possible score was 54

\*Panelists are required to rank all wines according to preference; "1st place" = 1 point, "6th place" = 6 points. Lowest score indicates best-liked wine at session. Statistical analysis depends upon both the number of panelists and of wines; spread of less than 5 points is considered insignificant. NOTE: Wine prices may vary significantly between merchants and locales.

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